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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This Response and Preliminary Amendment is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on January 10, 2005. Applicants elect Species "e" including at least claims 1, 2, 28-36, 39, 40, 43, 46, and 47. This election is without traverse.

However, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1, 2, and 28-31 as presented in the application are generic to all species. All of the species identified by the Examiner read on these claims, as is evidenced by the figures and the associated statements in the detailed description section of the application. Applicants refer the Examiner to at least page 9, lines 17-22 and page 12, lines 18-30 in support of the assertion of generic claims. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to have the claims readable on the non-elected species considered in this application should any of these generic claims be allowed.

Furthermore, Applicants assert that claims 36, 39, 40, 43, 46, and 47 of Species "e" are generic to at least Species "a", "b", and "e". As such, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to have the claims readable on Species "a" and "b" considered in this application should any of these generic claims be allowed.

In light of the preceding, Applicants believe that the presently pending elected claims are in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be greatly appreciated. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney of record if he believes that such a call would materially advance the prosecution and eventual allowance of the present application.

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Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with the submission of this Response and Preliminary Amendment. If any fee is due, the Commissioner may charge appropriate fees to H.T. Than Law Group, Deposit Account No. 50-1980.

Respectfully submitted,

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